

Welcome to Our Past

The Didcot and District Archaeological and Historical Society is your connection to our local history. Our aim is to encourage and promote the study of historical Didcot and its surrounding districts. We hope that if you share our interest for the past you will join us and help promote the study of our fascinating local history.

The society is a volunteer-run not for profit organisation sustained solely by the subscriptions of its members. It promotes and encourages the study of Didcot and the surrounding areas through a series of winter lectures and through summer excursions to places of local historical interest.

We are a dynamic society, always open to suggestions from members to further develop and improve the programmes and activities we offer. The evenings are now drawing in and your committee are putting the finishing touches to next year's programme. (See over)

Our meetings are held at Northbourne Centre on the second Thursday of every month from October to May. We will launch our Thirty-eight programme on the October 10th at the Northbourne Centre with the talk by Margaret Appleton on her early life in Simla in India.

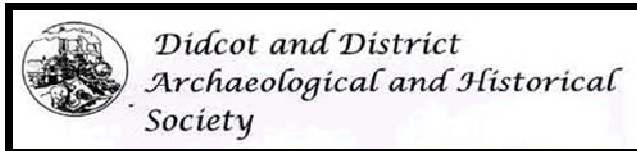
Other news

We are always in need of new Committee members, so if you feel you could stand for the Committee, please let us know at our AGM in October.

Last year's activities were interesting and varied and the year concluded with a presentation in May followed in June with a day long excursion to Bletchley Park in June. It was fascinating to learn of this WWII secret work to find out German War Program which helped us win the war. It was very enjoyable and a very well attended visit.

We have a varied and interesting programme arranged for next year's so we hope that you will be able to attend our sessions on a regular basis.

Next year's programme includes a talk on the Archaeological of the Tudor ship The Mary Rose sunk near Portsmouth. Nobody knows why the Mary Rose sank in 1545, after 34 years of reliable service. She may have been carrying too much weight in an attempt to boost her gun quota. She was toppled by a gust of wind and sank just off Southsea Castle, in full sight of the French fleet and the Henry VIII observed, chillingly, 'They are be drowned like ratten'. Out of 500 sailors, 35 survived. The ship sank into the silt of The Solent, settling on her starboard side, where she lay for over 400 years. The Tudor ship captured the world's imagination when she was raised from the seabed in 1982 and is the only sixteenth century warship on display anywhere in the world. In 2008 a brand new Museum was built around her that reunites her with many of her 19,000 artefacts and crew. In June we hope to visit the museum in Portsmouth. Our Treasurer Maria Simpson will be organising this and will let us know the details nearer the time.



Date	Topic/Event	Speaker
Thurs 10 th October	AGM (7:30-8:00) The End of the Raj-Simla	Committee Margaret Appleton
Thurs 14 th November	The Search for Oxford's Medieval Walls	George Ross
Thurs 12 th December	Seasonal theme talk on the History of Food	Kathy Kimble
Thurs 9 th January	The History of Vauxhall Barracks, Didcot	Graham Bandy
Thurs 13 th February	Some excavations in Oxford	Ann Dodd
Thurs 13 th March	The Vikings	Martin Way
Thurs 10 th April	The Life and Works of Brunel	Ann Gould
Thurs 8 th May	The Mary Rose and the New Museum	Colin Fox
Thurs 12 th June	Annual Trip Outing to the Mary Rose at Portsmouth	Please note that the outing will take place on a Thursday. Details and cost will be announced later.

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Please enclose your membership fee in a sealed envelope (cheque if possible, payable to DDAHS) to the Treasurer Maria Simpson.

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The Treasurer, Maria Simpson, 118a Bradstocks Way, Sutton Courtney, Abingdon, OX14 4DB.

Cheques should be made payable to Didcot & District Archaeological and Historical Society.

Fees for 2013-14 are: Individual: £15 Joint/Family: £28

Fees should be accompanied by the details listed below

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